

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Claim 2 has been amended to replace “derivative” with –compound--. Claim 7 has been amended to insert “the” in line 3. Claim 8 has been amended to make typographical changes. Claims 10 and 16 have been amended to recite “treating.”

No new matter is believed to have been added to the application by the amendments submitted above.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-2 and 4-20 remain pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Coleman for the indication of allowable subject matter in the Official Action dated May 5, 2004. Applicants would also like to thank the Examiner for indicating in the Advisory Action dated August 18, 2004 that the Amendment submitted on July 27, 2004 obviates all of the outstanding rejections, with the exception of the rejection of Claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as set forth in section (e) at page 4 of the Official Action. The amendments presented above include those submitted on July 27, 2004. In addition, the third from last species specified in Claim 8 has been amended to add an open bracket, “[”, and a close parenthesis, “)”.

Regarding the issue of “new matter,” Applicants note that the nomenclature amendment is not new matter because a similar change was made to the specification in the Preliminary Amendment filed on July 10, 2002. A copy of page 3 of the Preliminary Amendment is submitted herewith. Therefore, the amendment submitted for Claim 8 merely makes the claim coincide with the specification.

Regarding the rejection of Claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as set forth in section (e) at page 4 of the Official Action dated May 5, 2004, Claim 8 has been amended to add an open bracket, “[”, and a close parenthesis, “)” in the third from last species specified in that claim.

The rejection Claims 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, is believed to be obviated by the amendment submitted above. Claim 16 has been amended to specify “treating.” Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is believed to be obviated by the amendments submitted above. Claim 3 has been canceled. Claims 7 and 8

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have been appropriately amended. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

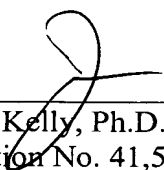
Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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